

CURRICULUM VITAE

Matthew P. Sheptoski

EDUCATION

Ph.D. August 2002 Major: Sociology--Western Michigan University
M.A. August 1995 Major: Sociology--Central Michigan University
B.S. May 1993 Major: Political Science & Criminal Justice--Central Michigan University

Ph.D. Dissertation: *Ideology or Insanity? Media Presentation of Tim McVeigh and Ted Kaczynski*. Committee Chair: Dr. Gerald Markle.

M.A. Thesis: *Dead Voices: An Ethnographic Exploration of Vending at Grateful Dead Concerts*. Committee Chair: Dr. Larry Tifft.

POSITIONS HELD

Associate Professor of Sociology--Grambling State University--fall 2019-present
Assistant Professor of Sociology--Grambling State University--fall 2013-summer 2019
Temporary Full-time Assistant Professor--Shippensburg University--spring 2013
Temporary Full-time Assistant Professor--Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania--fall 2012
Instructor--Lawrence Academy Charter School--2009-2012
Temporary Full-time Assistant Professor--Central Michigan University--2003-2008
Adjunct Instructor--Mid-Michigan Community College--spring 2005
Doctoral Associate--Western Michigan University--1997-1999
Graduate Assistant--Western Michigan University--1996-1997
Graduate Assistant--Central Michigan University--1993-1994

MAJOR FIELDS OF INTEREST

My areas of interest include social psychology, especially issues of self and identity, Latin America (I speak Spanish and have traveled to Cuba numerous times.), pedagogy/the teaching of sociology, social problems, deviance, and stratification. Having taught at a charter high school in Miami-Dade County, I am also interested in the sociology of education.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

GSU Graduate College:

Sociological Theory (hybrid)
Sociology of Education (hybrid)
Special Topics: Contemporary African American Perspectives: Race, Class, Gender, Sexuality and Sexual Orientation (hybrid)
Theories of Social Psychology (hybrid & online)
Seminar in Ethnic Relations (hybrid)
Seminar in Crime and Delinquency (hybrid)
Social Organization
Sociology of Deviance

GSU Undergraduate Courses:

Methods of Research (hybrid)
Sociology of Deviance (hybrid)
Social Psychology (hybrid)
Social Problems (hybrid & online)
Introduction to Sociology (face-to-face & online)
Introduction to Social Science (face-to-face & online)

Introductory Sociology--Shippensburg University--2013

Introductory Sociology--Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania--2012

Guest Lecture--(HIST 328) Social Science Seminar: History of Cuba, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania--November 27, 2012

AP Psychology, United States History (Honors), World History (Honors), Civics (Honors), Geography (Honors)--Lawrence Academy Charter School--2009-2012

Social Psychology, Introductory Sociology, Social Problems (For CMU's Leadership Institute), Deviance--Central Michigan University--2003-2008

Introductory Sociology (For WMU's Lee Honors College), Social Problems--Western Michigan University--1996-2001

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

'Because I Learn!' An Exploratory Note on the Academic Identity of African American Children. *Sociation*. Winter/Spring 2019. Web. V. 18, Issue 1.

Framing Negotiations and Negotiating Frame: The Case of Vendors and Security Personnel at Grateful Dead Concerts. *Sociation Today*. Fall/Winter 2016. Web. V. 14, Issue 2.

Ideology or Insanity? Media Portrayal of Ted Kaczynski and Timothy McVeigh. *Sociation Today*. Spring/Summer 2016. Web. V. 14, Issue 1.

OTHER PUBLISHED WORK

Vending at Dead Shows: The Bizarre Bazaar (2000). In Rebecca G. Adams and Robert Sardiello, editors. *Deadhead Social Science: You Ain't Gonna Learn What You Don't Want to Know*. Walnut Creek: AltaMira.

SUBMITTED WORK

Colorblindness and Popular Culture: A Content Analysis of Popular Sitcoms, 1990-2021. Submitted to *Sociation*, 4/2022.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Evidence of James Baldwin's Enduring Significance: A Roundtable Discussion, Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, 3/21/2025.

Malcolm X as a Resource in the Struggle for Ethnic Equality: A Panel Presentation Connecting Past, Present, and Future, Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, 3/21/2025.

Post Pandemic Challenges and Opportunities: Where Do We Go from Here? A Roundtable Discussion, Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, 3/22/2024.

Ideology or Insanity? Revisiting Media Portrayal of Ted Kaczynski and Tim McVeigh, Mid-South Sociological Association, 10/14/2023.

African American Student Perceptions of Eco-Sabotage: An Emerging Longitudinal View, Mid-South Sociological Association, 10/13/2022.

Televised Pranks as Racial Micro aggressions: A Content Analysis of The Impractical Jokers, Mid-South Sociological Association, 10/23/2021.

You Got to Move! An Exhortation on Hurricane Ida, The Future of U.S. Coastal Areas, and "Managed Retreat," Mid-South Sociological Association, 10/21/2021.

An Exploratory Note on the Cut-up Method: Absurdity and Levity as Tools to Defeat Trumpism, Police Brutality, and Covid-19, Mid-South Sociological Association, 10/15/2020.

'Because I Learn!' An Exploratory Note on the Academic Identity of African American Children. Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, 3/7/2020.

The Ghosts of Durkheim, Marx, DuBois, and Mead: Classical Sociological Theory and Halloween, Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, 3/7/2020.

Methods of Research: Teaching in the Du Bois-Atlanta School of Sociology Tradition. Mid-South Sociological Association, 10/24/2019.

An Exhortation to Faculty and Students: Expand The Dream! Mid-South Sociological Association, 10/23/2019.

Supporting My HBCU: A Case Study of Recruiting for Grambling. Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, 3/10/2018.

Faculty Involvement in Recruiting: From Individual Response to Collective Action. Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, 3/10/2018.

Trump's Response to 'Take a Knee': The Intersection of Racism and Militarization. Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, 3/10/2018.

Surviving in Dysfunctional Institutions: Merton Revisited. Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, 3/10/2017.

Atticus Finch: The Man We Need; the Man We Have. Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, 3/11/2017.

What Cost Survival? Distortion of Self in Dysfunctional Institutions. Southern Sociological Society, 4/16/2016.

Are You Experienced? Issues and Strategies in Teaching Sociology Online. Mid-South Sociological Association, 10/22/2015.

Ideology or Insanity? Media Portrayals of Tim McVeigh and Ted Kaczynski. Southern Sociological Society, 3/27/2015.

Many Rivers to Cross: Adaptation and Change in an Era of Declining Enrollment. Mid-South Sociological Association, 11/8/2014.

The Dark Side of Leadership: Disorder and Dysfunction at a Miami-Dade Charter High School. North Central Sociological Association, 4/2014.

Walk on the Wild Side: Psychological Androgyny Among Male and Female Undergraduates. North Central Sociological Association, 4/2013.

One Flew East, One Flew West: Disorder and Dysfunction at a Miami-Dade Charter High School. Pennsylvania Sociological Society, 10/2012.

Who Defines the Situation? Analyzing Gendered Media Images in Introductory Sociology and Social Psychology. North Central Sociological Association, 3/2006.

Tell Me All That You Know: Cuba, US Mass Media, and Introductory Sociology. Michigan Sociological Association, 10/2004.

Using Online News Articles in Introductory Sociology: Critiquing Mass Media and Illustrating Sociological Concepts. North Central Sociological Association, 4/2002.

Ten Days in Havana: First Impressions. Michigan Sociological Association, 11/2001.

Vending at Grateful Dead Shows: A Life(style) Support System. North Central Sociological Association, 4/1998.

Framing Negotiations and Negotiating Frames: Encounters Between Vendors and Security Personnel at Grateful Dead Concerts. Presented with Professor Robert Wait, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, 8/1997.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, 3/2017-present

Mid-South Sociological Association, 11/2014-present

Pi Gamma Mu--International Honor Society in the Social Sciences, 5/2014-present

Southern Sociological Society (former member)

North Central Sociological Association (former member)

Pennsylvania Sociological Society (former member)

Midwest Sociological Society (former member)

Michigan Sociological Association (former member)

North American Congress on Latin America (former member)